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AB 32 – California Global Warming Solutions Act Public Workshop Proposed Small Business Emission Reductions Toolkit

Providing cost-effective strategies to assist small businesses in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and saving money will be an integral part of the California Air Resources Board's (ARB) implementation of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32). Please join us on December 1, 2008, to participate in a public workshop to discuss a draft Toolkit that will facilitate voluntary GHG emission reductions for small businesses. This Toolkit will include information on cost-saving actions to reduce GHG emissions, incentive programs, California case studies, a climate calculator, decision support tools, an award program, and an online peer-networking forum.

We welcome and encourage your participation at this workshop. If you have any questions regarding the workshop, please contact Dr. Kyra Naumoff, Small Business Toolkit Staff Lead, at (916) 324-0664, or by email at knaumoff@arb.ca.gov.

Workshop Location

The workshop will be held at the following time and location and will also be webcast. We encourage you to take public transportation or drive low emission/high efficiency vehicles whenever possible.

Date: Monday, December 1, 2008
Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM (Pacific Time)
Location: Byron Sher Auditorium
Address: Cal/EPA Headquarters
1001 I Street (2nd Floor)
Sacramento, CA 95814
Directions: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm>

Toolkit Development Background and Workshop Objectives

A key objective of the workshop is to obtain your comments on the elements of the Toolkit. The Toolkit is intended to help small businesses decide how to best reduce GHG emissions and save money in the process. The Toolkit will be web-based to reach a broad audience. ARB staff partnered with Next 10, Berkeley Institute for the Environment, the California Energy Commission, and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory to develop the draft elements of the Toolkit.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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Workshop Materials

A workshop agenda and presentation will be posted prior to the workshop meeting at ARB's website (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/localaction/meetings/meetings.htm>) and made available in hard copy at the meeting. Notification of future activities for the Small Business Toolkit will be broadcast via our Local Action electronic mailing list. You may join the list by visiting the following website:
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/localaction.htm>.

More information on the draft Small Business Toolkit will be available at ARB's Local Action for Climate Change website at:
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/localaction/localaction.htm>.

Video/Audio Webcast

For those unable to attend the workshop in person, a live internet webcast with audio and video will be available at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast>. During the webcast, the audience will have the opportunity to submit questions and comments by e-mail.

Special Accommodations or Language Assistance

If you have special accommodation or language needs, please contact Ms. Rebecca Boyer as soon as possible, at (916) 322-4560, or email at rboyer@arb.ca.gov. TTY/TDD/Speech-to Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

Sincerely,



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